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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M

DATE: 10 April 1950

FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe-180

SUBJECT: GENERAL—ODEUM - Operational

SPECIFIC—CIPHER DEPARTMENT of the OKW (OKW chi-)

1. Attached are three sets of photocopies, "Die CHIFFRIERABTEILUNG in OKW", "FRANKREICH und die WELT - 1944/1945", and "AIDE-MEMOIRE der GEHEIMDIPLOMATIE 1944/1945". This material was given USAGE by Dr. Wolfram [BITSCHNAU] (see MGLA-1540, AUSTRORUM II, para. 14) who worked in the cipher department of the OKW during the war.

2. BITSCHNAU did this study for the French IS and they received this same material. USAGE says that they have interrogated all personalities mentioned in these papers. The study was done directly after the end of the war and it is presumed that the French received the material in 1945, although this is not definitely stated.

3. You will find on pages 11 and 12 of the "CHIFFRIERABTEILUNG in OKW" a list of the codes which the OKW managed to break. The information contained in "AIDE-MEMOIRE der GEHEIMDIPLOMATIE 1944/1945" is based on information acquired through breaking the codes listed. Note that no Russian codes are listed as being broken. USAGE says that the OKW never succeeded in breaking any of the Russian codes to the best of his knowledge. Also noteworthy is the long list of United States codes allegedly broken.

4. USAGE asks us to remember that the hostile remarks about the U.S. in this material were written under war-time stress.

5. USAGE would like this material returned to him and we suggest that you photograph it if it is something you wish for your files.

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